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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Attn: Dean Hubbard (<u>dhubbard@waterboards.ca.gov</u>) 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 RECEIVED

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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I strongly support the Waste Management Kettleman Hills Facility B-18 expansion proposal pending before your permitting agency.

The Kettleman Hills Facility offers a much needed service to businesses like ours to stay in compliance with the state of California hazardous waste regulations by safely treating and disposing of hazardous waste.

The demand for safe and reliable disposal of hazardous waste is even greater today than in years past. The limited permitted hazardous waste facilities that remain in California, has imposed a challenge for our business, many times leaving us no option, but to have our waste leave the state. Our present situation not only represents a costly logistical challenge, but it also means that California is missing out in the hazardous waste tax fees with the waste leaving the state.

We have followed the permitting process for the Kettleman Hills Hazardous Waste Facility very closely over the last few years. Understand that the facility has undergone extensive health and environmental studies by local, state and federal government agencies; those studies have found the Kettleman Hills Facility to be safe and not posing any health or environmental threats to the nearby Kettleman City community.

Our experience with the Kettleman Hills Facility has been nothing but stellar. We have relied on this facility for numerous years to keep us in compliance with all hazardous waste regulations. This is a needed facility in California, and I urge you to approve the Kettleman Hills Facility the necessary permits so they can extend the life of their hazardous waste landfill

Respectfully Submitted,

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